

REMARKS:

Claim Rejections under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Mavis (US 3,771,479). Applicant respectfully requests that the present invention should be patentable over Mavis.

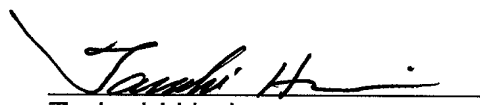
Mavis first provides three plies 11, 16 and 17 (Fig. 2). Then, the plies are stitched together along the ornamental representations. (Figs. 3 and 4). As shown in Fig. 4, the stitches create necks and bulges. Mavis then makes holes in the ply 17 to remove bulges which do not constitute the ornament representations. (Fig. 5).

Mavis is silent about the limitation of claim 1 which recites "cutting the intermediary layer at a height to **separate the top and base layers.**" As shown in Fig. 5, in Mavis, the top and bottom layers 11 and 16 are not separated but are stitched together. Therefore, claim 1 should be patentable over Mavis. Since claim 1 should be patentable, its dependent claims should also be patentable.

Please also note that Mavis is silent about **the thermal fusible film** recited in claims 3-7 of the present application.

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